

**Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2013**

1. Call to order – The meeting was brought to order at 7:05pm at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 West Michigan Avenue. Committee members present were Kevin Hill, Bob Krzewinski and Laura Shiltz. Also present was City Council member Pete Murdock and Tony Bedogne on the City Planning Commission.
2. Introductions
 - a. Audience participation/public Input – none.
3. General business
 - a. Agenda approval - A motion was made by Laura Shiltz, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the December agenda, with no objections.
 - b. Approval of November meeting minutes - A motion was made by Laura Shiltz, seconded by Bob Krzewinski, to accept the November minutes, with no objections.
 - c. Committee members – new members & reappointments – As per the Committee by-laws, at the yearly December meeting, new/reappointed Committee members are to be selected and forwarded to the Planning Commission for approval. At the meeting, the following individuals were selected for appointment – Tony Bedogne (new), Laura Shiltz (reappointment), Diana Gonzalez (new) and Kevin Hill (reappointment). Bob Krzewinski will forward these names to the Planning Commission.
 - d. Draft 2013 Committee Annual Report – A copy of the draft Committee annual report was distributed which will need to be approved at the January 2014 meeting.
 - e. Other – At the January 2014 Committee meeting, the Committee will need to select a Vice-Chair and Secretary for the 2014 calendar year.
4. Old business
 - a. 2013 Committee priorities
 - Sidewalk completion/improvements – Deferred to agenda item 4.c (2014 priorities).
 - I-94/Huron non-motorized crossing – Apparently some public input sessions were already held on this subject. A request will be made to the County transportation planning agency, WATS, to include Committee members in on project communications. Also, this project was in a recent Ann Arbor News article.
 - Downtown bike routes-signage-maps – Short discussion held about the new map format.
 - Additional bike parking hoop locations & bike corrals – Some new bicycle racks were installed before winter weather set in. Additional racks will be installed in the spring.
 - Border To Border Trail Ypsilanti completion – According to the City Planning Department, construction is on track for the spring of 2014 for construction of the Trail from Riverside Park to Grove Street.
 - Bike Friendly – Walk Friendly Community applications – Bike Friendly application is to be submitted by Adam Gainsley by the February deadline. Walk Friendly application should be submitted by the end of the year by the Planning Department.
 - Additional bike lane locations – Deferred to agenda item 4.c (2014 priorities).
 - b. Ypsi bike-friendly businesses
 - c. 2014 priorities – Discussion was held to finalize Committee's 2014 priorities with an understanding that some projects have already started, others could be completed in 2014 and others may be multi-year projects. List of priorities is attached to minutes as a separate document.
 - d. Committee project "helpers" – Bob Krzewinski working on a list of volunteers to help the Committee with projects, such as individuals willing to attend public meetings to support non-motorized projects, staff information tables and help with events.
5. New Business
 - a. Planning Department update – Incorporated into meeting proceedings.
 - b. Other – Kevin Hill discussed downtown summer promotions (i.e. summer music festivals) with perhaps a "green" night with an environmental theme (including bikes and walking) like the Ann Arbor Green Fair to include bicycle valet parking. A short discussion was held on the new sidewalk snow removal requirement of 24 hours (previously 48 hours to clear sidewalks) which is effective in early January.
6. Other Items – Announcements – None.
7. Adjournment – Next meeting, Thursday, January 2, 2014, Ypsilanti District Library

City Of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee
2014 Priorities

1. Ypsilanti bicycling/walking map (In progress with Washtenaw Area Transportation Study – WATS, and the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission – expected completion late summer 2014)
2. Border To Border Trail completion progress
 - Formulate a conceptual plan for the Frog Island Part to Eastern Michigan University segment
 - Work to complete a gap in the Trail from Grove Street to I-94 connecting with a completed segment in Ypsilanti Township
 - Work to have Trail rebuilt in Riverside & Frog Island Parks
3. Update the City Non-Motorized Plan (current plan is dated to the end of 2014)
4. Sidewalk improvements (additional list below) and funding sources.
 - Washtenaw Avenue – North side of road from Eastern Michigan University to Hewitt – Complete sidewalk gaps, perhaps in conjunction with the Re Imagine Washtenaw project
 - North Huron Street – Jarvis north/northwest to LeForge – Could become a part of the Border To Border Trail
 - Catherine Street – Huron Street east to Spring Street – Would help Chidister Place housing complex residents access downtown Ypsilanti
5. Work to add additional bike lanes and find funding sources
 - Forest Avenue – Prospect west to River - Bike lanes presently exist both west and east of this segment
 - Cross Street – Wallace west to City limit – Would involve road diet, changing four lanes to two with center turn lane and bike lanes – Could alleviate speeding problems in school zones – Potential to extend project further west to Hewitt Road working with Ypsilanti Township
 - Huron & Hamilton Streets – Would involve road diet, deleting on traffic lane which in turn would be used for bike lane and periodic on-street parking – Narrower road width may also alleviate speeding
6. Bike Friendly Community & Walk Friendly Community applications completed and submitted
7. Bike Friendly Business program – establish program to persuade businesses to attract cyclists (i.e. but also encourage businesses to have employees bicycle to work)
8. Public education outreach to encourage bicycling and walking (at Fall/Spring Bike Ypsi rides, Eastern Michigan University student events, downtown Library programs/displays and snow removal education).
9. Increased pedestrian/bicycling safety signage/pavement marking improvements
 - North Huron Street left turn to Cross Street – “Caution – Pedestrian Crossings” sign, flashing lights, rumble strips (problem – high speed traffic with lane changes in a senior housing area)
 - South Hamilton Street at Michigan Avenue – “Stop Here On Red” sign, improved “No Turn On Red” signage (problem – traffic regularly stops on crosswalk markings, makes right turns on red)
 - Cross Street and Washtenaw Avenue intersection (problem – pedestrians crossing road at numerous points)
 - South Hamilton Street mid block crossing (problem – no pedestrian crossing from Michigan Avenue south to Harriet Street)
 - Huron Street – Improved signage, enhanced markings, mid-block crossing at Riverside Art Center (problem – high speed traffic southbound)